



**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND  
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES EXECUTIVE HELD  
AT THE BEST WESTERN PRESTIGE OCEANFRONT RESORT  
6929 WEST COAST ROAD, SOOKE  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair Joe Stanhope, Nanaimo RD, President  
Mayor Larry Cross, Sidney, First Vice-President  
Councillor Cindy Solda, Port Alberni, Second Vice-President  
Director Mary Marcotte, Cowichan Valley RD, EA Representative  
Councillor Meagan Brame, Esquimalt, Director at Large  
Councillor Claire Moglove, Campbell River, Director at Large  
Chair Colin Palmer, Powell River RD, Director at Large  
Trustee Gary Steeves, Islands Trust, Director at Large

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Iris Hesketh-Boles, Executive Coordinator  
Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM

**GUESTS:** Gord Schoberg, Jerry Berry, FortisBC  
Doug Holmes, City of Nanaimo

Chair Stanhope called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

**1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Second Vice President Solda, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte, That the minutes of the January 18, 2013 Regular Meeting, February 25, 2013 Electronic Meeting and March 8, 2013 Teleconference Meeting be adopted was CARRIED

**2. RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolutions Committee Recommendations on 2013 Resolutions by the Deadline**

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte, That the Report on the 2013 Resolutions with a minor revision to remove the duplication under R10 be approved for distribution within the *Supplementary Materials Package*, that Mayor Cross introduce the Special Resolution on behalf of the Executive, and Councillor Brame introduce R18 – Conflict of Resolution on behalf of Executive was CARRIED

Two issues were noted for the Resolution Chairs:

- Seek delegates' approval to table R10 - Genetically Engineered Plants and Animals until Sunday morning to allow delegates to attend the Saturday afternoon workshop on the topic.
- Resolution R28 – Landscape Security was incorrectly included in Part 2 – Section “B” and must be pulled from the block and considered separately.

## **Report on Late Resolutions**

On motion by Director Moglove, seconded by Director Steeves,  
That Report be revised to recommend Resolution LR-3 be admitted for debate was CARRIED

On a motion by Director Moglove, seconded by First Vice-President Cross,  
That the revised Resolutions Committee Report on Late Resolutions be approved for distribution  
within the *Supplementary Materials Package* was CARRIED

### **3. AGM & CONVENTION**

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by First Vice-President Cross,  
That the Nominating Committee Report be received was CARRIED

#### **2013 AGM & Convention Program**

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Director Moglove,  
That the agenda for the AGM & Convention be approved for distribution in the *Supplementary  
Materials Package* was CARRIED

#### **Executive Responsibilities**

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Director Palmer,  
That the report be received was CARRIED

### **4. ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Revenue Canada Business Contact**

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by First Vice President Cross,  
That Kathleen Spalek, UBCM Manager, Finance and Corporate Operations, be appointed as AVICC  
business contact with the Canada Revenue Agency with Level 2 Authorization allowing CRA to  
disclose information and accept changes to the program accounts was CARRIED

#### **Aquaculture Working Group – Draft Terms of Reference**

On a motion by Second Vice President Solda, seconded by First Vice President Cross,  
That the terms of reference be approved and that an update be provided to members was CARRIED

#### **Gas Operating Agreement Update**

FortisBC representatives and Doug Holmes joined the group via teleconference to provide an update  
and respond to questions arising including the following key points:

- April 10 meeting with key stakeholder regarding the status of the pro-forma operating agreement noting that lawyers are expecting to have a final draft by April 21 and that it will be forwarded to municipalities mid May. Work has improved understanding and helped streamline operation and that even if fees are not collected, there is value for municipalities to enter into the agreement.

- As noted the appeal of the BCUC decision has been initiated. The timeline and process is uncertain. There is likely to an opportunity for AVICC to continue support. The arguments are under development. Regrettably Carol was not available today as this is her area of responsibility. It is not known whether the rationale for the appeal is likely to be considered sufficiently compelling to reconsider the decision.
- Fortis is looking at ways of mitigating effects should the appeal be unsuccessful. Materials distributed early in the process were worst-case scenarios. New information is required.
- Proposing a strategy of political advocacy that focuses on the significant disadvantages resulting for the island and Sunshine Coast. Doug is developing an information package for local governments and the long-term implications of the decision. It will be important to involve others such as the Chambers of Commerce.
- Jerry and Doug both commented on the positive aspect of the previous number of years of work has been the development of good working relationships.

Saturday's message to the membership was under development. President Stanhope, First Vice-President Cross, Doug Holmes and FortisBC representative agreed to meet at 10:00 am Saturday to review.

On a motion by EA Representative Marcotte, seconded by Director Brame,  
That the delegation and reports be received was

CARRIED

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **BC Ferries**

Director Palmer reported on the meeting recently held with Minister Pollak and the analysis being conducted regarding the financing and where the funding is being obtained. The importance of a transportation policy and economic strategy including ferries for coastal communities was highlighted. Ferries need to become part of the infrastructure plan.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) February 7, 2013 – cc of UBCM President Sjostrom's Letter to Diana Trager  
Re: Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee – Request for Appointment
- b) February 8, 2013 – cc of Islands Trust Letter to Minister Lake  
Re: Policy Intentions Paper on Land Based Spill Preparedness and Response
- c) February 8, 2013 – cc of Islands Trust Letter to Minister Kent & Minister Lake  
Re: Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area Reserve
- d) February 15, 2013 – UBCM President Sjostrom Letter to AVICC Executive  
Re: 2012 Resolution Response on Farm Mentorship Programs Response
- e) March 6, 2013 – IOP Chair Heather Stretch Letter to AVICC Executive  
Re: GMO-Free Zone
- f) March 7, 2013 – Tracy Bate, Campbell River  
Re: Opportunity to host future AVICC AGM & Convention

g) April 12, 2013 – EM to Chair Stanhope from Rod Davis  
Re: Attendance at AVICC by Private Managed Forest Land Council

h) April 3, 2013 – COABC Letter to AVICC Executive  
Re: GE Free Zone

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Director Steeves,  
That Items (a – h) of the correspondence be received was CARRIED

i) April 4, 2013 – Invermere to Local Governments  
Re: UBCM Executive needs to take action on the concept of towns with no people and  
appointed councils

On a motion by Director Brame, seconded by Director Steeves,  
That Item (i) of the correspondence be received was CARRIED

## 6. NEXT MEETING

7:00 pm – Thursday, April 11, 2013 – Executive Recognition Dinner, Markus’ Wharfside Restaurant,  
Sooke.

Noon, Sunday, April 14, 2013 – Janet Evans Boardroom, Best Western Prestige Oceanfront Resort  
following the adjournment of the Convention.

## ADJOURNMENT

On behalf of Executive, First Vice-President Cross thanked President Stanhope for his lengthy service  
to the association and in particular for his strong representation on behalf of members over the past  
two years as President. President Stanhope responded that it has been a pleasure to do so and that  
he will be happy to continue to serve in his role as past president.

On a motion by First Vice President Cross, seconded by EA Representative Marcotte,  
That the meeting be adjourned was CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 pm.

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Chair Joe Stanhope  
President

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Iris Hesketh-Boles  
Executive Coordinator